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PATENT DEPARTMENT
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In re Application of :
Yefeng Hong et al et al :
Serial No.: 08/916,527 : WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT
Filed: August 22, 1997 :
Attorney Docket No.: ALANEX.006A :

This is in response to applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed November 18, 2002, requesting revival of the above-identified application based on timely filing of a reply.

A review of the file history shows the examiner mailed an Office action to applicants on March 12, 2002, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. Upon failure to receive a reply the application was held abandoned by Notice of Abandonment mailed to applicants on November 5, 2002. Applicants state that a reply was made by facsimile transmission on June 12, 2002, and provide a copy of a transmission receipt to show receipt by the Office. Based on the statements and evidence of record it is concluded that the reply was timely filed, but never correlated with the file. Applicants copy submitted with the petition will be used in lieu thereof. In view thereof, the Notice of Abandonment is withdrawn and the application is restored to a pending status with the mailing of this decision.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

The reply will be entered and the application will then be forwarded to the examiner for further action.

Should there be any questions regarding this decision, please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by mail addressed to Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.


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